

REMARKS

Claims 1-4, 6-10, 12-24, 26 and 27 are pending in the subject application and are presently under consideration. Claims 15, 16 and 27 have been cancelled. Claims 1, 13, 17 and 24 have been amended to incorporate a portion of the subject matter of claims 15, 16 or 27 into claims 1, 13, 17 and 24 as indicated in the above listing of the claims.

Favorable reconsideration of the subject patent application is respectfully requested in view of the amendments herein.

CONCLUSION

The present application is believed to be in condition for allowance in view of the above comments. A prompt action to such end is earnestly solicited.

In the event any fees are due in connection with this document, the Commissioner is authorized to charge those fees to Deposit Account No. 50-1063 [AMDP975US].

Should the Examiner believe a telephone interview would be helpful to expedite favorable prosecution, the Examiner is invited to contact applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number below.

Respectfully submitted,

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